

Claims

[c1] I claim:

1. A candlewick-fixing device for use with a burning candlewick comprising:
 - a. a handle with a first end and a second end;
 - b. a candlewick hook with a straight portion end and a bend portion end, the straight portion end attached to the handle second end, the hook circular portion end positioned adjoining the bend forming a circular opening, the handle first end sufficient distance from the second end such that the user may position the hook around a candlewick without encountering the heat from the candle;
 - c. the candlewick hook circular opening arranged with an inside diameter of one-fourth inch or greater such that the hook may be positioned around a candlewick wherein horizontal motion in any direction engages the candlewick and may be used to straighten the candlewick; and
 - d. the handle first end connected to a flame snuffer with an opening end and an attachment end, the attachment end attached to the handle first end.

- [c2] 2. The candlewick-fixing device of claim 1 further comprising the handle is fabricated from a material chosen from the group consisting of metal, ceramic, plastic, and wood.
- [c3] 3. The candlewick-fixing device of claim 1 further comprising the handle contains a bend arranged such that the bend convex side may rest on a support surface such that any debris on the candlewick hook is elevated above the support surface.
- [c4] 4. The candlewick-fixing device of claim 1 further comprising a plate with an upper surface and a lower surface and configured such that the snuffer opening end may rest on the upper surface with the lower surface in contact with a support surface such that combustion products on the snuffer are deposited on the plate upper surface.
- [c5] 5. The candlewick-fixing device of claim 3 further comprising a plate with an upper surface and a lower surface and configured such that the snuffer opening end may rest on the upper surface with the lower surface in contact with a support surface such that combustion products on the snuffer are deposited on the plate upper surface.

- [c6] 6. The candlewick-fixing device of claim 5 further comprising the flame snuffer is rotatably mounted to the handle first end.
- [c7] 7. The candlewick-fixing device of claim 6 further comprising the handle is fabricated from a material chosen from the group consisting of metal, ceramic, plastic, and wood.
- [c8] 8. A combination candlewick straightening device and flame snuffer comprising:
- a. means for repositioning a candlewick;
 - b. means for extinguishing a candle flame; and
 - c. means for supporting the device and snuffer such that the candlewick repositioning means and the candle flame extinguishing means are elevated above the support surface.
- [c9] 9. A method of repositioning a burning candlewick comprising:
- a. grasping a candlewick fixing device by the handle;
 - b. locating the candlewick-fixing device in proximity above the burning candlewick;
 - c. lowering the candlewick fixing device to surround the burning candlewick;
 - d. moving the candlewick fixing device in a desired horizontal direction wherein the candlewick is repositioned.

sitioned in the desired direction by contact with the candlewick fixing device;

e. repeating step d as necessary;

f. removing the candlewick fixing device from contact with the candlewick;

g. raising the candlewick fixing device above the candlewick; and

h. placing the candlewick fixing device on a surface.